

**COUNTRY REPORT
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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND
MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

Actions undertaken during the past year

- Worked out and launched a new version of the national pedigree and recording system for the native and endangered cattle breeds.
- Initiated establishment of reliable and closed breed codes for the native sheep breeds in the national pedigree and recording system for sheep.
- Presented the annual milk yield for each of the endangered cattle breeds based on data from the national milk recording system.
- Presented differences in farming systems with the endangered native cattle breeds and the dominant native NRF breed based on data from The Norwegian Agriculture Authority.
- Searched widely for herds with the two endangered sheep breeds Rygja and Steigar. This work might give the conclusion that the Steigar breed has become extinct.

Actions planned for the next year

- Establish good recording routines for data to the national pedigree and recording system for the native and endangered cattle breeds.
- Establish good recording routines for data from all the endangered sheep breeds to the national pedigree and recording system for sheep.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

- The breeding associations for the native and dominating production breeds within dairy cattle, pigs, sheep and dairy goats have since 2007 committed themselves to publish some agreed indicators in their annual reports on the sustainability of their breeding programmes. This is now successfully established for all the mentioned species except for pigs.

Actions planned for the next year

- Follow up the pig breeding association and again encourage them to publish the agreed indicators in their annual reports on the sustainability of their breeding programmes.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

- Fifteen rams from seven endangered and native sheep breeds have been taken in for cryo preservation.
- Seven bulls from three endangered and native dairy cattle breeds have been taken in for cryo preservation.

- Establishment of one conservation herd with the two native endangered goose breeds Smålenzgås and Norwegian White Goose has been initiated.
- Project on building up a cryo gene bank for the six native and endangered dog breeds in cooperation with Norwegian Kennel Club.

Actions planned for the next year

- Continue with the cryo preservation work
- Establish one conservation herd with the two native endangered goose breeds Smålenzgås and Norwegian White Goose.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

- The Global Plan of Action for AnGR in Norwegian translation was published.
- The national plan of action for AnGR was agreed and finished.
- Arranged a seminar for the steering committees for the endangered dairy cattle breed associations focusing on how to find good bulls for the gene bank.
- Employed a new advisor on AnGR at the Norwegian Genetic Resource Centre
- Published flyers on the seven native dog breeds in cooperation with the Norwegian Kennel Klub, in Norwegian and English language.
- Gave lectures at The University for Life Sciences within AnGR.
- Address and encourage the regional authorities in Norway to establish subsidies on endangered and native breeds.

Actions planned for the next year

- Continue to address and encourage the regional authorities in Norway to establish subsidies on endangered and native breeds
- Publish flyers for all the native and endangered breeds in Norway.
- Give lectures at The University for Life Sciences within AnGR.